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FROM : Amembassy SAIGON DATE: August 13, 1971

SUBJECT : Schedule of Events for the Presidential Election

REF : Saigon A-92, June 30, 1971

1. The enclosure to this airgram is a schedule of events related to the presidential election. This schedule is based upon the law as clarified and supplemented by Decree 070-SL/NV of July 6, 1971, and a July 16 announcement of the Supreme Court setting the time period for filing candidacies.

2. The enclosed schedule supersedes the schedule of events listed in Enclosure 3 to the referenced airgram, which was based on the law only.

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1971 Presidential Election Schedule

(Revised schedule based on Decree 070-SL/NV, July 6, 1971)

July 29	(8 AM):	Filing of candidacies with Supreme Court begins.
August 4	(6 PM):	Filing deadline for candidacies.
August 5	(6 PM):	Deadline for first posting in Saigon of list of candidates.
August 9	:	Deadline for posting of list of candidates in cities, provinces, districts and villages.
August 12	:	Deadline for Saigon residents to file complaints on qualifications of candidates.
August 16	:	Latest deadline for complaints from outside Saigon, depending on when list posted locally (8 days after posting including day list posted).
August 19	:	Deadline for Supreme Court to consider complaints of Saigon residents and announce its decision.
August 23	:	Deadline for Supreme Court to decide and announce its decision on complaints from outside Saigon, if any filed as late as August 16.
August 24	:	Deadline for second posting of list of candidates after which candidacies cannot be withdrawn.
August 27	:	Deadline for convening Central Election Campaign Committee (representatives of each slate).
September 3	:	Election campaign period begins.
September 30	:	Deadline for announcing location of polling stations.
Oct. 2 (12 noon)	:	Election campaign period ends.
October 3	:	Voting from 0700 to 1700, with counting beginning immediately thereafter at each polling station.
October 4-6	:	Accusations can be filed at local court. There is a system of time-limits on appeals with the Supreme Court deciding the final appeal by October 24.
October 3-5	:	Complaints can be submitted to the Supreme Court.
October 8	:	Deadline for submitting results to Supreme Court. Within 24 hours of receiving all results Supreme Court must hold a plenary session to add them up.
October 25	:	Deadline for the Supreme Court to take final vote on validity of the elections and final election returns.

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